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Review

“Kerrigan is excellent at evoking both rustic Ireland and 20th-century New York.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Brisk and pleasant.” (Booklist)

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“Kerrigan is a lovely writer and her book breaks from the traditional mould.” (Sunday Tribune (Ireland))

“This story is written with so much heart, its beat is palpable in every word on every page.” (Cecelia Ahern on *Recipes for a Perfect Marriage*)

From the Back Cover

Sweethearts since childhood, Ellie Hogan and her husband, John, are content on their farm in Ireland—until John, a soldier for the Irish Republican Army, receives an injury that leaves him unable to work. Forced to take drastic measures in order to survive, Ellie does what so many Irish women in the 1920s have done and sails across a vast ocean to New York City to work as a maid for a wealthy socialite.

Once there, Ellie is introduced to a world of opulence and sophistication, tempted by the allure of grand parties and fine clothes, money and mansions . . . and by the attentions of a charming suitor who can give her everything. Yet her heart remains with her husband back home. And now she faces the most difficult choice she will ever have to make: a new life in a new country full of hope and promise, or return to a life of cruel poverty . . . and love.

About the Author

Kate Kerrigan is the author of three previous novels. She lives in Ireland with her husband and their two sons.

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